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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Claude GROSSIORD et al. Conf. 2418

Application No. 10/520,844 Box PCT
(PCT/FR03/02208) Attn: PCT Legal Administration

Filed January 11, 2005

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.47(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 22, 2005

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be accepted under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.47(a) even though the third listed inventor, namely Frédéric NICOLET, has refused to execute the application papers.

In response to the accompanying Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 USC 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office, there is submitted herewith:

1) a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney listing all three inventors, but signed by the first-named inventor, Claude GROSSIORD, on his behalf, as well as on behalf of the non-signing inventor Mr. Frédéric NICOLET;

2) another Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney also listing all three inventors, but signed by the second-named

inventor Mr. Jean-Louis BOHRER, on his behalf, as well as on behalf of the non-signing inventor, Mr. Frédéric NICOLET; and

3) An Attestation (Declaration) by Mr. G. PUIROUX, the patent attorney and general manager of the French law firm Cabinet Guiu & Bruder in Paris. In his attestation, Mr. PUIROUX declares that he sent to Mr. Frédéric NICOLET, at his last known address, namely: Rue Envers 8, CH-2605 Soceboz-Sonbeval, Switzerland a letter dated July 15, 2005 requesting Mr. NICOLET to execute the application papers. This July 15, 2005 letter was sent by registered mail, return receipt requested. A copy of the French letter and the return receipt signed by Mr. Frédéric NICOLET dated July 21, 2005, as well as accurate English translations thereof are attached to Mr. PUIROUX's declaration.

Although Mr. NICOLET was afforded 15 days to execute the application papers, over one month has now passed, since Mr. NICOLET signed for, and received Mr. PUIROUX's registered letter. Accordingly, it is readily apparent that to date, Mr. NICOLET continues to refuse to execute the application papers.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the requisite 37 CFR 1.17(g) petition fee of \$200 under fee code 1463 to counsel's deposit account No. 25-0120.

In view of the above facts, and accompanying documents, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be accepted under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.47(a),

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Respectfully submitted,

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